

# EXHIBIT 3

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MARVEL CHARACTERS, INC.,

Plaintiff and Counterclaim-Defendant,

-against-

Case No.:

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cases, Nos.:

21-cv-7957 LAK and

21-cv-7959 LAK

LAWRENCE D. LIEBER,

Defendant and Counterclaimant.

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MARVEL CHARACTERS, INC.,

Plaintiff and Counterclaim-Defendant,

-against-

KEITH A. DETTWILER, in his capacity as  
Executor of the Estate of Donald L. Heck,  
Defendant and Counterclaimant.

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MARVEL CHARACTERS, INC.,

Plaintiff and Counterclaim-Defendant,

-against-

PATRICK S. DITKO, in his capacity as  
Administrator of the Estate of Stephen J.  
Ditko,

Defendant and Counterclaimant.

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## F E D E R A L S T I P U L A T I O N S

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LARRY LIEBER

second novel. I live alone and my powers of recollection are not as good as they once were. Also, I feel I should tell you that although I worked with most of the people you mentioned, I did not really know them well. A few of them, I have never even met. Stan would give me a one-page plot outline for a story, I would write the script, return it to Stan, who then would have it sent to an artist who, after drawing it, would send it to a letterer and then, it was inked and colored, while I was home working on the next script."

And all of that is true; right?

MR. TOBEROFF: Wait.

A. I -- may I say? I made a mistake in this. And the mistake is would give me a one-page -- I would write the script, return it to Stan and then, would have it sent -- he didn't have it sent to -- to the artist -- to the artist but -- and then the letterer, I think it was the reverse: He had it sent to the letterer and then the artist.

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 Q. Okay. But aside from that, the  
3 rest of it is true?

4 A. And -- and --

5 MR. TOBEROFF: Read the letter.

6 MR. PETROCELLI: Please don't  
7 interrupt the witness.

8 Q. Aside from --

9 MR. TOBEROFF: If you want the  
10 witness to attest whether something  
11 is true or not, I am asking him to  
12 read the letter.

13 THE WITNESS: You -- you -- you  
14 mean this whole -- whole --

15 MR. TOBEROFF: No.

16 Just read it.

17 MR. PETROCELLI: Timeout.

18 Timeout.

19 Q. I have a question.

20 My question to you is: You  
21 gave a clarification. Aside from that  
22 clarification, is what you wrote here true?

23 (Witness reviews document.)

24 A. What I -- what I read to you is  
25 true.

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 And after -- I forget whether  
3 it was a year or two years, it was a brief  
4 thing and then, I went back to Marvel.

5 That's when Stan offered me  
6 the, um, the job in the British Department.

7 Q. Which is what?

8 A. Well, as an Editor.

9 And that was the first time I  
10 was on staff. And well, I was in the  
11 British Department.

12 Q. Okay. The time period that I am  
13 going to focus on is when you were writing  
14 scripts in the early 60's for --

15 A. That's before?

16 Q. Beforehand, right.

17 Where, for lack of a better  
18 word, I will call it the superhero  
19 characters; okay?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Okay. And this is at a time  
22 when Stan was giving you the plots and you  
23 were writing the scripts; right?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Before -- I think -- I -- there



1 LARRY LIEBER

2 was a period where, for seven years, I did  
3 that "RAWHIDE KID", which I --

4 Q. Yes.

5 I was going to ask you about  
6 that but I'm -- exactly right because --

7 A. I don't remember when, now they  
8 -- which came (indicating.)

9 Q. There came a time instead of  
10 writing scripts for the superhero  
11 characters, based on Stan's plots, you  
12 started both writing and illustrating the  
13 "RAWHIDE KID's" Comics; right?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And you had more freedom at  
16 that point; right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Stan didn't even edit it.

19 He said he wouldn't -- I'm on  
20 my own.

21 Q. And you did the "RAWHIDE KID"  
22 for around seven years or so?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And after the "RAWHIDE KID",  
25 that's when you went to Atlas; right?

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 superhero books, starting with The  
3 Fantastic 4.

4 That left an opening for the  
5 "RAWHIDE KID". Nobody -- and Stan offered  
6 me the "RAWHIDE KID".

7 Q. Well, okay. I am not going to  
8 really focus on the "RAWHIDE KID".

9 A. Oh, but that's how -- in time,  
10 it -- it -- I must have started it at the  
11 same time as -- as the superheroes was  
12 starting, is what I --

13 Q. Well, I will see if I can  
14 refresh your memory on the exact sequence.  
15 I know it's been a long, long time ago.

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. But I am going to focus on the  
18 -- on the work that you did writing scripts  
19 based on Stan's plots for the superheroes;  
20 okay?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So, focussing now, not on the  
23 "RAWHIDE KID"; okay?

24 Focussing on the characters,  
25 like "ANT-MAN", "IRON MAN", "THOR": You

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 wrote scripts based on plots that Stan Lee  
3 gave you; right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And Stan was the person who  
6 gave you the assignments to write a  
7 particular script; is that correct?

8 MR. TOBEROFF: Objection.

9 Assumes facts.

10 Q. You may answer.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay. And in terms of the idea  
13 for the stories that you scripted, the  
14 ideas came from the plots and synopses that  
15 Stan gave you; is that correct?

16 MR. TOBEROFF: Asked and  
17 answered.

18 Q. When he objects, by the way,  
19 you can answer.

20 A. Okay.

21 MR. TOBEROFF: He knows that.

22 Q. Unless he tells you not to  
23 answer; okay?

24 MR. TOBEROFF: He knows that.

25 MR. PETROCELLI: Well, he's

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 script. And then, I would write the  
3 captions on the script, if there were  
4 captions in the story on -- on a -- you  
5 know, on a sunny Tuesday, so and so and so  
6 and so.

7 And, I would put in the  
8 dialogue for each of the characters. So,  
9 that's what I mean, I made it into a story  
10 from -- from the plot (indicating.)

11 Q. And Stan Lee came up with the  
12 ideas for the characters that would be in  
13 the story; right?

14 MR. TOBEROFF: Vague.

15 A. Well, may I answer?

16 Q. Yes.

17 You may answer.

18 MR. TOBEROFF: You may always  
19 answer, unless I instruct you not to  
20 answer.

21 Just give me an opportunity to  
22 object.

23 THE WITNESS: Okay.

24 A. He came up with the main --  
25 yeah, I would certainly say the main

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 characters.

3 Q. Like "IRON MAN"?

4 A. Oh, yes.

5 Q. And "THOR"?

6 A. And "THOR".

7 Q. And "ANT-MAN"?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay.

10 MR. TOBEROFF: That was him.

11 Q. In fact, all of the ideas for  
12 stories came from Stan --

13 MR. TOBEROFF: Misstates  
14 testimony.

15 Q. -- correct?

16 All the ideas for stories that  
17 you wrote scripts for came from Stan Lee;  
18 correct?

19 A. From the superheroes.

20 Q. Yes.

21 A. Except the Old West.

22 And yes.

23 Q. Yes.

24 We are not talking about the  
25 westerns.

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 A. Right. Yes.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. They all came from Stan.

5 Q. Okay. When Stan gave you an  
6 assignment to do a script, did he give you  
7 a deadline?

8 MR. TOBEROFF: Um --

9 A. Um --

10 MR. TOBEROFF: Objection.

11 Again, assuming facts.

12 You may answer.

13 A. Um, yes.

14 There was a deadline.

15 Q. What were the typical deadlines  
16 you received?

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. When you were writing scripts  
19 for stories received from Stan, where Jack  
20 Kirby was to be the artist, Stan would  
21 frequently tell you that Jack drew very  
22 quickly; is that right?

23 A. Well, I had known that from --  
24 he did most of the monster books at the  
25 beginning, so, I knew he drew -- he drew

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 Q. And the penciler?

3 A. No. Wait a minute.

4 The penciler.

5 Q. The penciler is first?

6 A. Yeah. It would go to the  
7 penciler.

8 Q. Before we go to the penciler,  
9 though, Stan reviewed your scripts?

10 A. The script, right.

11 Q. And sometimes, he made changes;  
12 right?

13 A. He. You know, I don't recall.

14 I recall in the early days of  
15 the monsters but I don't recall him making  
16 it and --

17 Q. And as time went on, as you did  
18 this more and more, Stan did fewer  
19 corrections to make; right?

20 A. Yeah.

21 That's why I don't recall him,  
22 that point. I don't.

23 Q. And you understood Stan had the  
24 right make the changes to your scripts;  
25 right?

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 A. Oh, of course.

3 Q. Other than talking to Stan --

4 MR. PETROCELLI: Well, time  
5 out.

6 (Whereupon, a short recess was  
7 taken.)

8 Q. When Stan made changes to your  
9 scripts, did he go over those changes with  
10 you or did he just make them and pass them  
11 onto to the penciler?

12 MR. TOBEROFF: Assumes facts.  
13 And misstates his testimony  
14 about changes.

15 MR. PETROCELLI: Watch the  
16 speaking objections.

17 You don't need to identify the  
18 portion --

19 MR. TOBEROFF: That's not an  
20 objection, a speaking objection.

21 MR. PETROCELLI: Otherwise.  
22 You could be inadvertently coaching  
23 the witness.

24 A. Can you repeat that? I go -- I  
25 think I can --



1 LARRY LIEBER

2 "QUESTION: And then, after you  
3 did the assignment and you -- what  
4 would happen? Then you would bring  
5 it to the office?

6 "ANSWER: I would grow to the  
7 office --

8 MR. PETROCELLI: I think that  
9 means "go."

10 THE WITNESS: Go.

11 "ANSWER: -- go to the office  
12 with it. Yeah, I would bring it to  
13 the office.

14 "QUESTION: And what would  
15 happen next?

16 "ANSWER: He would go over it  
17 and as I said, if it were in the  
18 early years, he might correct or  
19 change a line or two. But he always  
20 used it. He -- he -- I never had to,  
21 you know, go home and do it again. He  
22 was very easy. He was showing me. He  
23 said "oh, you could have said this,  
24 you could have done that" and he'd  
25 make some little corrections. And as

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 time went on, he had fewer to make."

3 Q. And all of that testimony that  
4 you gave was true; right?

5 A. Yes.

6 But I was referring to the  
7 years with the monster books.

8 Q. But he -- he -- Mr. -- your  
9 brother, Lee {sic}, continued to review the  
10 scripts that you gave for the superheroes;  
11 right?

12 A. I'm sure he -- or I am not  
13 sure. Wait a minute. I shouldn't say "I am  
14 sure."

15 I don't know.

16 With the monster scripts, at  
17 that point, I brought them in and gave it  
18 to him and what he did, I -- I -- I can't  
19 recall that.

20 But when I said this, by my  
21 language here, I know I was referring -- I  
22 said -- he always used to go over it. He  
23 -- he would sometimes just cross something  
24 out or tell me "change the word."

25 He did it very easily, that's

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 correct?

3 A. Well, when I say "it was the  
4 same process," does that imply that -- it  
5 was the same -- let me ample: It was the  
6 same process in that I wrote the story and  
7 I handed it and I gave it to him. It might  
8 have been different in that he -- he didn't  
9 -- he didn't bother correcting or feel a  
10 need to correct me at that point.

11 Q. But he still had the right to  
12 correct you, if he thought the corrections  
13 were appropriate?

14 MR. TOBEROFF: Objection.

15 Calls for a legal conclusion as  
16 to "right."

17 Q. You may answer.

18 A. In my -- in my -- I -- I would  
19 have thought that he did have the right.

20 Yes, I would have felt it.

21 Q. You're saying that as time went  
22 on and your writing style improved, you  
23 believe that Stan had less need to make  
24 corrections?

25 A. Yes; absolutely.

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 Q. Okay. But if he thought he  
3 wanted to change something, with respect to  
4 the superheroes --

5 A. He could.

6 Q. -- you understood that he could  
7 change it, if he wanted to; right?

8 MR. TOBEROFF: Objection.

9 Asking a lay witness for a  
10 legal conclusion.

11 Q. You may answer.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Thank you.

14 A. It was my understanding that he  
15 could.

16 Q. Okay. That's all. That's what I  
17 am asking. Thank you.

18 During this period of time,  
19 when you were working on the -- on the  
20 Marvel superheroes in the 60's, you never  
21 submitted any work to Marvel that had not  
22 began assigned to you from Sam -- from  
23 Stan; correct?

24 A. I don't think I did. No.

25 Q. Okay.

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 A. To the -- I don't know. I don't  
3 think so.

4 Q. Well, could you take a look at  
5 your deposition, at 110?

6 (Witness complies.)

7 Q. Page 21.

8 MR. TOBEROFF: When you say 1  
9 -- Page 21?

10 MR. PETROCELLI: No.

11 Page 110.

12 I'm sorry. Line 21. Line 21.

13 Q. Do you see the yellow part,  
14 that's under -- highlighted, on Page 110?

15 (Witness reviews document.)

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. For the period 1958 to 1965,  
18 did you ever submit any work to Marvel that  
19 hadn't been assigned to you?

20 "ANSWER: No. No."

21 Q. Do you see that?

22 (Witness reviews document.)

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And that was true testimony;  
25 right?

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 A. I -- I -- I believed it, when I  
3 said it.

4 Q. Okay. And that was true for  
5 all of your scripts on the superhero work?

6 A. You mean submitting on my own?  
7 Yes. I believe so.

8 Q. In other words, all of the work  
9 that you did on the superheroes was  
10 assigned to you from Stan Lee?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Okay.

13 A. I think so.

14 Q. Thank you.

15 MR. TOBEROFF: You have to  
16 speak audibly.

17 A. Yes. I --

18 MR. TOBEROFF: We heard you but  
19 --

20 THE WITNESS: Oh.

21 MR. TOBEROFF: -- I'm saying in  
22 the prior answer, you trailed off.  
23 You trailed off.

24 You said "I think so."

25 THE WITNESS: I am getting

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 confused.

3 Q. Your answer -- your answer, it  
4 was clear.

5 Thank you.

6 (Whereupon, a short recess was  
7 taken.)

8 Q. After you submitted your script  
9 to Stan Lee, after turned it in; okay, did  
10 you ever have any contact with the artists,  
11 colorers, inkers, pencilers about your  
12 script?

13 A. Not that I can recall.

14 Q. Okay.

15 MR. PETROCELLI: Why don't we  
16 take a short break right now; okay?

17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is  
18 12:13 P.M.

19 We are going off the record.

20 (Whereupon, a short recess was  
21 taken.)

22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: The time is  
23 12:38 P.M.

24 We are back on the record.

25 MR. PETROCELLI: Can you put

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 I wouldn't do that.

3 Q. Okay.

4 A. I wouldn't do that.

5 Q. But you did get paid for all of  
6 the work that you did for Marvel?

7 A. Oh, yes.

8 Q. Yes.

9 And you submitted a voucher;  
10 right?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you got a check; right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And you got --

15 MR. TOBEROFF: Vague is the  
16 period.

17 MR. PETROCELLI: I am referring  
18 to 1958 to 1965.

19 Q. And for your -- and for your  
20 purposes, if it's important to you, I am  
21 referring to -- to the time period before  
22 you started working on the "RAWHIDE KID";  
23 okay?

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. And -- and you submitted a



1 LARRY LIEBER

2 voucher and you got a check; right?

3 MR. TOBEROFF: In 1958 to 1965?

4 MR. PETROCELLI: Yeah.

5 MR. TOBEROFF: That's the  
6 question.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Okay. And you were paid a  
9 per-page rate for your work; correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Who would hand out the checks?

12 A woman, named Millie?

13 A. Yes. Yes.

14 I -- I -- I believe -- I have  
15 tried to think of that and I -- I don't  
16 know if it was a special day. I think there  
17 might have been, where the freelancers had  
18 to come into the office to get the -- the  
19 checks and there might have been another  
20 day when the people on staff got them.

21 Q. Okay.

22 A. I -- I -- I did -- vaguely.

23 Q. You don't have copies of any of  
24 those checks, do you?

25 A. No. No. No.

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 Q. Okay. Was there anything  
3 printed on the back of the check?

4 A. Well, I -- on -- on -- on them?  
5 Yeah, there was something.

6 Q. Do you recall?

7 A. I don't recall what it was,  
8 except the gist of it was, like, that it  
9 now belonged to -- to -- to Marvel and --  
10 and, you know, it didn't belong to me.

11 Q. And -- and do you know if that  
12 was written on every check that you  
13 received?

14 A. I believe so.  
15 But I -- but I -- I don't -- I  
16 -- I believe so. I -- I think it was the  
17 custom. I --

18 Q. Do you know --

19 A. Let's say I didn't notice.  
20 I didn't look at every check,  
21 the back of it.

22 Q. Other than the per-page rate,  
23 did you receive any other money for the  
24 scripts?

25 A. Of course.

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 There was something --

3 MR. TOBEROFF: He's talking  
4 about between 1958 and 1965.

5 A. No.

6 I mean for the -- for the --  
7 for the -- for the scripts? No. I don't  
8 think so. No.

9 Q. Okay. So, for example --

10 A. I was thinking of bonuses but  
11 that was for people on staff.

12 Q. Okay. So, your sole  
13 compensation was the per-page rate?

14 A. As far as I know, yes.

15 Q. Okay.

16 A. That's all.

17 Q. And you got that per-page rate  
18 whether or not the comic was a flop or was  
19 a big hit; right?

20 You still got the same per-page  
21 rate?

22 MR. TOBEROFF: Vague.

23 A. Yeah.

24 As -- as long as they accepted  
25 my --

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 don't want you to speculate. I only  
3 want you to testify as to your  
4 knowledge, period.

5 Q. I am entitled to your best  
6 recollection, sir, to be clear.

7 MR. TOBEROFF: Exactly.

8 Q. So, give me your best  
9 recollection; who -- who --

10 MR. TOBEROFF: And your  
11 knowledge.

12 THE WITNESS: What was the  
13 question?

14 Excuse me.

15 Q. -- approved the comics as they  
16 were being processed and made the final  
17 decision that they can be published?

18 A. Well, Stan had to approve --  
19 had to approve the plot and the artwork and  
20 the other things and -- before it went to  
21 the engraver.

22 Q. Okay. If it went to the  
23 engraver, then it would get published?

24 A. As far as I -- I -- I know.

25 Q. Okay. Can you identify any

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 A. No.

3 Q. Okay. And when you did  
4 "RAWHIDE", were you still paid the same  
5 way, per page?

6 A. Oh, yes.

7 Everything I did was per page.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. And I had asked you about Don  
11 Heck and you indicated that you really had  
12 pretty much no knowledge about what he did.

13 A. No. I knew of --

14 MR. TOBEROFF: Wait. Wait for  
15 the next question.

16 THE WITNESS: Oh.

17 Q. So, my -- what about Steve  
18 Ditko? Do you know whether he was ever  
19 assigned work by someone, other than Stan  
20 Lee or another Marvel Editor, while he was  
21 at Marvel?

22 A. I have no idea.

23 Q. Would your answer be the same  
24 for Jean Colon?

25 A. Yes.

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 A. No.

3 That's why I guess -- that's  
4 why I guess I am confused with the "RAWHIDE  
5 KID" and, you know, which came first.

6 Q. These do not --

7 A. I know.

8 Q. These did not go into "RAWHIDE"  
9 KID"?

10 A. I never kept records of -- of  
11 -- of this. No.

12 Q. Okay. It's correct that all of  
13 the scripts that you worked on, again prior  
14 to "RAWHIDE KID", we are not talking about  
15 "RAWHIDE KID".

16 All of the scripts that you  
17 worked on that are listed in your  
18 Termination Notices --

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. -- these are scripts that you  
21 wrote all based on plots or synopsis from  
22 Stan Lee; right?

23 A. To the best of my recollection.

24 Q. And he -- and in every case, he  
25 would assign you these stories to write;

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 right.

3 Let me repeat --

4 A. It's vague to me, in my memory.

5 Q. All of the scripts that you  
6 wrote were based on assignments that Stan  
7 --

8 A. I would say yes.

9 Q. -- that Stan gave you?

10 A. I would say yes.

11 But if you ask me do I recall  
12 walking into the room?

13 Q. I am not asking you that; okay?

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. Do you recall anybody, other  
16 than Stan, giving you assignments? Anybody  
17 at Marvel, other than Stan, giving you the  
18 assignments to write the stories?

19 A. These stories (indicating)?

20 Q. Yes.

21 You're referring to the  
22 exhibit.

23 A. I don't recall anybody else.

24 Q. Okay. And for each of these  
25 stories, on Exhibit 1, after you wrote the

1 LARRY LIEBER

2 A. Yes. I would think so, yes.

3 Q. The same process was employed  
4 for all of these works?

5 A. To the best of my recollection,  
6 yeah.

7 Q. Okay. And you were paid for all  
8 of these stories that -- that are in --  
9 that are in the works in your Termination  
10 Notices, on a per-page basis; correct?

11 A. Yes. I believe.

12 Q. And that was the only money you  
13 got was when you got paid for those scripts  
14 on a per-page basis?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Okay. You can put that away and  
17 let me just show you the next exhibit.

18 (Witness complies.)

19 MR. PETROCELLI: This will be  
20 Exhibit 24.

21 (Whereupon, Defendant Lieber's  
22 Second Amended Responses and  
23 Objections to Plaintiff's First  
24 Interrogatories to Lawrence D. Lieber  
25 was marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit 24



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2 A. It says "Ditko."

3 I don't know.

4 (Witness reviews document.)

5 A. My memory, I just don't know.

6 Q. Okay. If you don't remember --

7 A. These documents all seem alike  
8 to me.

9 Q. Okay. I just want to ask you a  
10 couple of questions about this.

11 A. I can't say that I have --  
12 okay.

13 MR. TOBEROFF: You have to speak  
14 clear.

15 You're speaking in a very low  
16 voice.

17 THE WITNESS: Oh. Yeah.

18 A. I can't say with --

19 MR. TOBEROFF: Okay. They heard  
20 you.

21 THE WITNESS: All right.

22 Q. Okay. You can put that down for  
23 a second.

24 (Witness complies.)

25 Q. You did not begin writing a

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2 script until Stan gave you the plot or the  
3 synopsis; is that correct?

4 A. He -- that -- yes.

5 Q. And again, we are not talking  
6 about "RAWHIDE" now. This is before  
7 "RAWHIDE".

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Okay.

10 A. He gave me the plot, yeah.

11 Q. And that's when you started  
12 your work on this script; right, after you  
13 got the plot or synopsis?

14 A. After I got -- right, his plot.

15 Q. Okay.

16 MR. TOBEROFF: Objection;  
17 vague, as to what we are talking  
18 about.

19 Q. So, let me direct you to  
20 Request For Admission Number 2, which is on  
21 Exhibit 25.

22 (Witness complies.)

23 Q. It's on Page 3.

24 (Witness reviews document.)

25 Q. It says: "Admit that you did

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2 some very, um, um, accusatory remarks  
3 that I don't like but you're right.

4 That one, I withdraw what I  
5 said previously.

6 MR. PETROCELLI: Okay.

7 Q. So, you were paid for the work  
8 that you did; correct?

9 A. As far as I know, yes.

10 Q. Thank you.

11 A. I -- I -- yes.

12 Q. And you already testified to  
13 that so let me go see if I have any others.

14 Would it be fair to say, since  
15 you never saw this document, you don't  
16 really know why your lawyer answered the  
17 way that he did on any of these?

18 MR. TOBEROFF: Objection.

19 It misstates the testimony

20 He didn't say he never saw the  
21 document.

22 Q. You said you don't recall  
23 whether or not you saw this document.

24 A. I don't recall.

25 Q. Is it -- so I won't have to

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2 guy. You must be exhausted."

3 And I mentioned to a friend of  
4 mine in the business there, an inker, I  
5 said "poor Stan. He was home on the  
6 weekend and he wrote 50 pages" and the guy  
7 said -- and my friend said to me: "Larry,  
8 if you can write 50 pages on a weakened,  
9 wouldn't you do it?"

10 And of course, I had to laugh.  
11 And I said "I wish I could."

12 Q. And during the late 50's and  
13 the 60's, when you would write these comic  
14 book stories, did -- were you paid a  
15 salary?

16 A. No.

17 I was paid by the page.

18 Q. Did you receive any health  
19 benefits --

20 A. No.

21 Q. -- from the company?

22 A. No.

23 Q. Did you receive any retirement  
24 benefits from the company at that time?

25 A. No.

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2 leading.

3 Q. All right. The after you wrote  
4 your story, what would happen?

5 A. I would -- I would go to Marvel  
6 and turn it in to -- to the Editor or to --  
7 who I don't remember, to his secretary or  
8 maybe even -- there were a few people, it  
9 might have been Sol Brodsky or somebody  
10 else, Paul Stymler or Stan, himself.

11 I mean I would just turn it in  
12 to the company.

13 Q. If they published your story,  
14 would you be paid for it?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. By the page?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Okay. Before they paid you by  
19 the page, did Marvel own the story or did  
20 you own the story, in your opinion?

21 MR. PETROCELLI: Object -- I  
22 object to the form of the question.

23 A. Well, before they -- before  
24 they paid me for it, they didn't have it, I  
25 had it. It's mine. I wrote it. I owned

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2 Q. Okay. Everyone of the stories  
3 that you wrote for the superheroes, every  
4 single one, you got paid for; correct?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. The one example that you  
7 discussed, where you had to redo the plot,  
8 that happened long afterwards, even after  
9 "RAWHIDE KID"; is that correct?

10 A. Oh, yes.

11 Q. And you got paid --

12 MR. TOBEROFF: Wait for me to  
13 object. Wait for me to object.

14 THE WITNESS: I forgot. I  
15 forgot.

16 MR. TOBEROFF: To everything  
17 you're saying.

18 Q. And you did get paid for the  
19 pages that you wrote, when you finally  
20 submitted them?

21 A. When I wrote the story? Yes.

22 MR. TOBEROFF: You would not  
23 wait -- letting me object; okay?

24 So, my objection is that these  
25 questions are vague, overbroad and

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2 of the checks.

3 You don't recall whether the  
4 back of the checks said that you were  
5 selling something?

6 A. I don't recall.

7 Q. Okay.

8 MR. TOBEROFF: Wait a second.

9 He is still talking and he said  
10 "okay."

11 MR. PETROCELLI: He said "I  
12 don't recall."

13 MR. TOBEROFF: No.

14 He said I don't recall but he  
15 is talking and you feel it's okay to  
16 him off because you want to cut it  
17 off at "I don't recall" but he was  
18 still talking.

19 MR. PETROCELLI: Do you want  
20 him to elaborate, Marc?

21 MR. TOBEROFF: Yes.

22 MR. PETROCELLI: He wants you  
23 to elaborate because you didn't like  
24 your answer.

25 MR. TOBEROFF: That's not true.

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2 You cut him off while he was still  
3 speaking and you shouldn't be doing  
4 that.

5 Q. Please finish the answer.

6 A. I forgot the question.

7 Q. I'll ask you again: You don't  
8 recall that on the back of the check, it  
9 said that you were selling something; is  
10 that correct?

11 MR. TOBEROFF: It misstates his  
12 testimony.

13 A. I don't recall what it said.

14 Q. Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. TOBEROFF: Again, you cut  
16 him off. He was talking.

17 You said okay, while he was  
18 still talking.

19 THE WITNESS: That's all I had  
20 to say.

21 MR. PETROCELLI: Marc, you just  
22 heard your own client said "that's  
23 all I had to say."

24 MR. TOBEROFF: No. But he was  
25 talking. You said okay. You cut him



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2 said "yes," instead of "okay."

3 I am confused.

4 Q. You were asked some questions  
5 about how you wrote your stories.

6 Do you remember that?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. You gave a very long answer.

9 A. Yeah. Yeah. Well, I -- I -- I  
10 felt that was -- I like to explain myself.

11 Q. No. That --

12 A. Explain what went on here.

13 Q. Now, you didn't select who the  
14 artist was going to be for your scripts;  
15 right?

16 A. No. No.

17 Q. Stan Lee did that; is that  
18 correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And you didn't select who the  
21 letterers or the colorers were going to be;  
22 right?

23 A. No.

24 Q. And when you turned your script  
25 in and as you testified, Stan had an

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2 opportunity to review it; right?

3 A. I am sure he did.

4 Q. Okay. After you turned it in,  
5 you had no further communication or contact  
6 with anybody except, perhaps, with Stan, if  
7 he had some discussion with you?

8 A. Yes. That's right.

9 Q. And so, you had no idea how  
10 that comic story was going to ultimately  
11 appear until you saw it in the comics after  
12 it was published; is that right?

13 A. Well, I -- I assume they would  
14 follow my story but I had -- I had no idea  
15 -- yeah, right.

16 The next time I saw -- I knew  
17 anything about it is when it came out, you  
18 know, in the comic book form.

19 Q. Okay.

20 A. Unless I happen to see somebody  
21 in the office inking it or lettering or  
22 something.

23 Q. And did you always look at the  
24 comics once they were published?

25 A. No. No.

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